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Judges, prosecutors and public attorneys of Lima and the Amazon Region strengthened their capacities to process cases of corruption through the Diploma Course conducted by USAID Pro-Integridad and the IDEHPUCP



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Participants from Lima and Callao during the closing ceremony of the Diploma Course Specialized in the Judicial System to Resolve cases of Corruption.

People are the most valuable capital of institutions and it is through them that expected outcomes are achieved. The experience of over twenty years of criminal justice reform in Latin America corroborates this statement as in every country in the region that has implemented the new Criminal Procedure Code the most important success factor are the judges and prosecutors who apply it. This is even more critical when it comes to complex cases.

Therefore, USAID Pro-Integridad Project, through the Institute of Democracy and Human Rights of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru – IDEHPUCP, developed the Diploma Course of specialization in the judicial system to resolve cases of corruption. This course of study trained 92 judges, prosecutors and public attorneys of Lima and the Amazon Region who apply the Criminal Procedure Code in cases of corruption.

This Diploma course that was implemented under the semi-presence mode started in June 2014 and ended in June 2015, with editions carried out in the cities of Lima, Iquitos, Tarapoto and Chachapoyas. Dr. Oswaldo Bautista, president of the assembly of prosecutors of Amazonas, stated: *“This is the first time that such a training has been conducted in Chachapoyas, with very prepared professors and an excellent method of training, who came here to share their knowledge.”*

The most significant impact of the diploma course is to have contributed to strengthening the capacities of justice system officers to process cases of corruption. The participants of this specialization are currently applying the knowledge obtained in their daily work as judges and prosecutors of corruption cases.

The training provided has had positive results. However, the challenge is make it sustainable after the Pro-Integridad Project is over, having the national counterpart continue training judges and prosecutors throughout the country. To that end, on April 17, 2015, the Academy of the Magistracy – AMAG and the IDEHPUCP signed an agreement to jointly present a Diploma Course for 29 more judges and prosecutors of Lima and Callao. After this first edition is ended in November 2015, the AMAG will incorporate this Diploma Course permanently in its “Updating and Perfecting Program.”

“The Diploma Course is a great contribution for us. We often respond automatically when starting an investigation, but with the new ideas we will be able to introduce several improvements to the work we carry-out.”

Dr. Ismael Cueva
President of the Superior Prosecutors
Assembly of San Martín and
participant in the Diploma Course

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